

preference standard (e.g., 60–70 percent) that applies to all products and materials involved in TOD projects. They argued that this would simplify the compliance process by preventing the need for sponsors to request many individual product waivers, thereby reducing the burden on DOT resources and expediting the advancement of TOD Housing Projects. As was described in the notice, to support both the delivery of housing and domestic manufacturing, DOT will continue to work closely with borrowers to better understand and document the sources of materials and products used in TOD Housing Projects and the challenges that compliance with DOT's domestic preference standards present and determine appropriate solutions.

One commenter requested that DOT update its guidance for TOD projects to include a “plain language” list of examples of manufactured products covered by this waiver. As was described in the notice, DOT recently provided guidance on Federal requirements applicable to TOD projects receiving TIFIA or RRIF credit assistance. DOT appreciates the suggestion and will consider it in determining the best ways of providing technical assistance to borrowers for TOD Housing Projects.

#### Finding on the Waiver

Based on the information available, DOT is issuing a public interest waiver of the Buy America requirements for manufactured products that apply to Bureau-financed TOD Housing Projects. This waiver is limited to TOD Housing Projects that enter into creditworthiness review on or before December 31, 2025. For these projects, DOT will continue to apply domestic steel, iron, and construction materials content requirements.

To ensure transparency and maintain consistency in the application of Buy America standards for all recipients (one rule for all projects and borrowers), this waiver will apply to both TOD Housing Projects with for-profit borrowers and those with non-Federal entity borrowers.

To continue to support the goals of Buy America policies, DOT will work closely with TOD Housing Project borrowers to better understand and document the sources of materials and products used in such projects. This research will assist DOT in refining its domestic preference requirements policy for TOD projects entering the Bureau's creditworthiness review phase after January 1, 2026, and to further support both the delivery of housing and domestic manufacturing.

Issued in Washington, DC.

**Morteza Farajian,**

*Executive Director, Build America Bureau.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Bureau of Transportation Statistics

[Docket ID Number DOT–OST–2014–0031]

#### Agency Information Collection; Activity Under OMB Review; Report of Financial and Operating Statistics for Small Aircraft Operators

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Transportation Statistics invites the general public, industry and other governmental parties to comment on the continuing need for and usefulness of BTS collecting financial, traffic and operating statistics from small certificated and commuter air carriers. Small, certificated air carriers (operate aircraft with 60 seats or less or with 18,000 pounds of payload capacity or less) currently must file the two quarterly schedules: F–1 “Report of Financial Data”; F–2 “Report of Aircraft Operating Expenses and Related Statistics”; and Commuter air carriers must file the Schedule F–1 “Report of Financial Data”. Commenters should address whether BTS accurately estimated the reporting burden and if there are other ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted by February 18, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket ID Number DOT–OST–2014–0031 by any of the following methods:

*Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

*Mail:* Docket Services: U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

*Hand Delivery or Courier:* West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

*Fax:* 202–366–3383.

*Instructions:* Identify docket number, DOT–OST–2014–0031, at the beginning

of your comments, and send two copies. To receive confirmation that DOT received your comments, include a self-addressed stamped postcard. Internet users may access all comments received by DOT at <https://www.regulations.gov>. All comments are posted electronically without charge or edits, including any personal information provided.

*Comments:* Comments should identify the associated OMB approval # 2138–0009 and Docket ID Number DOT–OST–2014–0031. Persons wishing the Department to acknowledge receipt of their comments must submit with those comments a self-addressed stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: Comments on OMB # 2138–0009, Docket—DOT–OST–2014–0031. The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned.

*Privacy Act:* Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477–78).

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <https://www.regulations.gov> or the street address listed above. Follow the online instructions for accessing the dockets.

*Electronic Access:* You may access comments received for this notice at <https://www.regulations.gov>, by searching docket DOT–OST–2014–0031.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cecelia Robinson, Office of Airline Information, RTS–42, Room E34–110, OST–R, BTS, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590–0001, Telephone Number (202) 893–0515, Fax Number (202) 366–3383 or email [cecelia.robinson@dot.gov](mailto:cecelia.robinson@dot.gov).

Jennifer Rodes, Office of Airline Information, RTS–42, Room E32–103, OST–R, BTS, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington DC 20590–0001, Telephone Number (202) 366–8513, Fax Number (202) 366–3383 or email [Jennifer.rodes@dot.gov](mailto:Jennifer.rodes@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A notice of this information collection was published in the **Federal Register** allowing for a 60-day comment period November 8, 2024 at 89 FR 88863.

*OMB Approval No.* 2138–0009

*Title:* Report of Financial and Operating Statistics for Small Aircraft Operators

*Form No.:* BTS Form 298–C.

*Type Of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection for the financial data.

*Respondents:* Small certificated (28) and commuter air carriers (33).

**Schedule F1:**

*Number of Respondents:* 61.  
*Number of Annual responses:* 244.  
*Total Burden per Response:* 4 hours.  
*Total Annual Burden:* 976 hours.

**Schedule F2:**

*Number of Respondents:* 28.  
*Number of Annual responses:* 112.  
*Total Burden per Response:* 12 hours.  
*Total Annual Burden:* 1,344 hours.  
*Needs and Uses:* Program uses for Form 298–C financial data are as follows:

**Mail Rates**

The Department of Transportation sets and updates the Intra-Alaska Bush mail rates based on carrier aircraft operating expense, traffic, and operational data. Form 298–C cost data, especially fuel costs, terminal expenses, and line haul expenses are used in arriving at rate levels. DOT revises the established rates based on the percentage of unit cost changes in the carriers’ operations. These updating procedures have resulted in the carrier’s receiving rates of compensation that more closely parallel their costs of providing mail service and contribute to the carriers’ economic well-being.

**Essential Air Service**

DOT often has to select a carrier to provide a community’s essential air service. The selection criteria include historic presence in the community, reliability of service, financial stability and cost structure of the air carrier.

**Carrier Fitness**

Fitness determinations are made for both new entrants and established U.S.

domestic carriers proposing a substantial change in operations. A portion of these applications consists of an operating plan for the first year (14 CFR part 204) and an associated projection of revenues and expenses. The carrier’s operating costs, included in these projections, are compared against the cost data in Form 298–C for a carrier or carriers with the same aircraft type and similar operating characteristics. Such a review validates the reasonableness of the carrier’s operating plan.

The quarterly financial submissions by commuter and small certificated air carriers are used in determining each carrier’s continuing fitness to operate. Section 41738 of title 49 of the United States Code (U.S.C.) requires DOT to find all commuter and small certificated air carriers fit, willing, and able to conduct passenger service as a prerequisite to providing such service to an eligible essential air service point. In making a fitness determination, DOT reviews three areas of a carrier’s operation: (1) the qualifications of its management team, (2) its disposition to comply with laws and regulations, and (3) its financial posture. DOT must determine whether or not a carrier has sufficient financial resources to conduct its operations without imposing undue risk on the traveling public. Moreover, once a carrier begins conducting flight operations, DOT is required to monitor its continuing fitness.

Senior DOT officials must be kept fully informed and advised of all current and developing economic issues affecting the airline industry. In preparing financial condition reports or status reports on a particular airline, financial and traffic data are analyzed. Briefing papers prepared for senior DOT officials may use the same information.

The Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002 (44 U.S.C. 3501 note), requires a statistical agency to clearly identify information it collects for non-statistical purposes. BTS hereby notifies the respondents and the public that BTS uses the information it collects under this OMB approval for non-statistical purposes including, but not limited to, publication of both Respondent’s identity and its data, submission of the information to agencies outside BTS for review, analysis and possible use in regulatory and other administrative matters.

Issued in Washington, DC, January 8, 2025.

**Rolf Schmitt,**

*Acting Director, Office of Airline Information, Bureau of Transportation Statistics.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

**Community Development Financial Institutions Fund**

**Notice of Funds Availability**

*Announcement Type:* Announcement of funding opportunity.

*Funding Opportunity Title:* Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) inviting Applications for Financial Assistance (FA) or Technical Assistance (TA) awards under the Community Development Financial Institutions Program (CDFI Program) fiscal year (FY) 2025 Funding Round.

*Funding Opportunity Number:* CDFI–2025–FATA.

*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number:* 21.020.

*Dates:*

**TABLE 1—FY 2025 CDFI PROGRAM FUNDING ROUND CRITICAL DEADLINES FOR APPLICANTS**

| Description   | Deadline                | Time (Eastern Time- ET) | Submission method  |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Last day to create an AMIS Account (all Applicants) .....   | February 18, 2025 ..... | 11:59 p.m. ET .....     | AMIS.  |
| Last day to enter Employer Identification Number (EIN) and Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) in AMIS (all Applicants). | February 18, 2025 ..... | 11:59 p.m. ET .....     | AMIS.  |
| Last day to submit SF–424 Mandatory Form (Application for Federal Assistance).                                      | February 18, 2025 ..... | 11:59 p.m. ET .....     | Electronically via <i>Grants.gov</i> .                                   |
| Last day to contact CDFI Program staff .....  | March 19, 2025 .....    | 5:00 p.m. ET .....      | Service Request via AMIS Or CDFI Fund Helpdesk: 202–653–0421.            |
| Last day to contact AMIS–IT Help Desk (regarding AMIS technical problems only).                                     | March 21, 2025 .....    | 5:00 p.m. ET .....      | Service Request via AMIS Or 202–653–0422 Or <i>AMIS@cdfi.treas.gov</i> . |
| Last day to submit Title VI Compliance Worksheet (all Applicants) <sup>1</sup> .                                    | March 21, 2025 .....    | 11:59 p.m. ET .....     | AMIS.  |
| Last day to submit CDFI Program Application for Financial Assistance (FA) or Technical Assistance (TA).             | March 21, 2025 .....    | 11:59 p.m. ET .....     | AMIS.  |
| Last day to submit Excel Housing Production FA (HP–FA) Application.   | April 4, 2025 .....     | 11:59 p.m. ET .....     | Service Request via AMIS.  |

<sup>1</sup> This requirement also applies to Subsidiary Insured Depository Institutions that will carry out award activities on behalf of Depository Institution Holding Company Applicants.